reimbursement by the Ministry. I would like to know how much more will be reimbursed this year or in the coming years because the liquidity of the banks is very disturbed because of this kind of loan which has been waived but not reimbursed.

Also, the potato-growers who have not been allowed the waiver through cold storages, now are asking through the cold storages that all this money should also be refunded through the cold storages. I would like to know from the Minister what the problem is.

श्री दलबीर सिंह : सर, माननीय सदस्य ने जो कहा है उसका मैं वेलकम करता हूं। इस तरह से जो हमने कहा कि अगर हम कर्ज देते जायें और किसान उसको न पटाए तो बैंक की क्या हालत होगी? सर, यहां तक इसका है, यह राइट-ऑफ नहीं है, यह तो हमारे ऊपर बर्डन है। सरकार ने किसानों के कर्जों को माफ किया है। इसका मतलब है कि जिन रेस्पेक्टिव बैंक्स ने उन किसानों को कर्जा दिया था, उसको हमने रिएम्बर्स किया है। . . . **(व्यवधान)**. . .

श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया : यह कितने वर्ष में किया है?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : सर, मैं ईयरवाइज बता देता हूं। लास्ट ईयर के बजट वर्ष 1990-91 में हमने 1,500 करोड़ रुपया दे रखा था, इस वर्ष हमने रखा था 1,425 करोड़ और वर्ष 1992-93 में हम कर रहे हैं 1,500 करोड़ का। इस तरह से मैं साफ कहना चाहता हूं कि पिछली सरकार तो घोषणा करके चली गई, लेकिन हमारे सम्मानीय प्रधानमंत्री जी ने इतनी वित्तीय स्थिति नाजुक होते हुए भी कहा कि चूंकि किसान का मामला है इसलिए इस कर्ज को हम माफ करेंगे। ऐसी वित्तीय स्थिति में भी हमने किया है।

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Sir, the objective of the ARDR Scheme says that the beneficiaries are eligible for refinance. But. since the Government of India did not reimburse the amount, the banks refused to refinance the beneficiaries who were given relief under the ARDR Scheme. So, what steps has the Government taken to refinance those beneficiaries, to implement the assurance under the ARDRS to refinance those beneficiaries thatgot relief under the ARDRS?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : सर, मैंने पहले ही कहा कि 31 मार्च, 1991 को ऐसी योजनाएं हमने बन्द कर दी हैं और फरदर इस टाइम नहीं चाहते कि इस तरह से कुछ हो। . . . **(व्यवधान)** . . .

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Sir, I am not talking of the Scheme. Suppose the beneficiaries are eligible to refinance. Since the Government did not reimburse the money to the concerned banks, the banks are refusing to refinance again to those beneficiaries. So, what

श्री दलबीर सिंह : ऐसे तो हमारे और भी फाइनेंशियल इंस्टीट्यूट हैं जिनको बैंक रिफाइनेंस करता है, यह तो डिपेंड करता है उनके ऊपर कि वह किसानों को किस तरह से कर्ज दें।

agricultural operations?

Supply of Electricity to Bihar

*185. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to provide uninterrupated electricity supply to Bihar in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the manner in which Government propose to achieve the said objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table fo the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised. However, according to the Report of the Group on Power, it is envisaged to add 683.6 MW capacity in Bihar during the Eighth Plan. In addition the State will also get its due share from the Central Sector Power Stations which are beign set up in the Eastern Region. Various other measures being taken to increase the availability of power in Bihar include maximising generation from existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation

Programme at Patratu, Barauni and Karbhigaiya, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation etc. Assistance is also made available to Bihar from the neighbouring systems of Eastern Region and Northern Region whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer.

MR CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Expansion of Temple Bay Hotel at Mahabilipuram

*186. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.T.D.C. has submitted any proposal to Government for the expansion of the Temple Bay Hotel at Mahabalipuram; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) ITDC's Annual Plan 1992-93 does not include any provision for expansion of the Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort at Mahabilipuram.

Procurement of Natural Rubber from Kerala Market

*187. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to discontinue the procurement of natural rubber from Kerala Market and;

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government to relieve the difficulties of the rubber growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to discontinue procurement of RMA-4 and RMA-5 grades by the State Trading Corporation till such time as the market price reaches the desired level as envisaged under the Buffer Stocking Scheme.

The Buffer Stocking Scheme for natural rubber is already under operation for relieving the difficulties of the rubber growers.

Development of Chitrakoot as a Tourist Resort

*188. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 32 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ChitrRkoot has potential to be developed as an Inter-State tourist resort; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments on specific projects/schemes based on their merit, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

However, in order to further exploit the tourism potential of Chitrakoot, the Central Department of Tourism have informed the State Government of Uttar Pradesh that they would consider extending financial assistance for construction of a Yatri Niwas, provided project proposal alongwith detaded estimates are sent by the State Government.

Fixing of a Limit on Borrowings

*189. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under consideration of Government to fix a ceiling on external and internal borrowings;